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# Motor Vehicle Division Chief Clerks' Workshop

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# Inventory Management System (IMS)

- Tracks inventory levels of each county office's license plates and decals, reducing excess inventory
  - Allows licensing offices to place license plate and/or decal orders, instead of contacting MVD
  - IMS project expected to be completed by January 2009
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# Personalized *God Bless America* License Plate (Act 2008-554)



- Effective **September 1, 2008**
- Additional fee is **\$50**
- Tag type is **GE**
- **7** alphanumeric characters available

# *National Guard* Redesign



- Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, *National Guard* license plates will be issued **every 5 years** instead of annually, **except low number plates**
- Low number *National Guard* plates (pictured above) will continue to be issued annually

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# New Standard License Plate – *Sweet Home Alabama*

- ACI has begun delivering first distribution
  - ACI will contact county licensing offices before delivering to ensure adequate storage room is available
  - Issue date is **January 1, 2009**
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# Commitment-to-Purchase Report

- Commitment period ends October 31<sup>st</sup>
    - ❑ Fight Breast Cancer
    - ❑ Spay-Neuter
  - Commitment period ends May 31, 2009
    - ❑ AL Treasure Forest
    - ❑ Health Care
    - ❑ Healthy Women
    - ❑ Daughters of the American Revolution
    - ❑ Saltwater Fishing
    - ❑ United Daughters of the Confederacy
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## Commitment-to-Purchase Report (cont.)

- *Breast Cancer Research* and *Ovarian Cancer Research* license plate categories have met required commitment numbers
  - Do not accept commitment to purchase applications for these license plates
  - License plate designs are in approval process
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# Commitment-to-Purchase Report (cont.)

- Monthly status may be tracked at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/mvforms/LOCReport.PDF>
- Detailed information about each plate may be found at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/index.html>
  - ❑ Under 'License Plate Information' then 'Distinctive Plates'



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# Pickup Truck Law Changes

## (Act 2006-356)

- Effective July 1, 2006
  - Pickup truck used for **personal or agricultural use only** may be registered at empty (unladen) weight of truck
  - Excludes combined gross vehicle weight of load and/or trailer
  - Reminder: trailers used for agricultural purposes do not have to be registered
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# Japanese Mini Trucks



- Imported into this country as off-road vehicles
- Do not meet federal safety & emissions standards
- Cannot be titled, registered or driven on public roads and highways in Alabama

# Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT)

- MVD was audited by FHWA on June 5<sup>th</sup>
  - The following findings were reported:
    - Missing documentation
    - Different taxpayer names on 2290 and registration
      - Taxpayer's name on 2290 should match name on registration, in most cases
      - If vehicle is sold during the tax period, the new owner must file a new 2290; non-transferrable between owners
  - State was found to be in compliance with federal law requiring proof of payment of FHVUT before registration
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# Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT)

- Required for vehicles with declared GVW of 55,000 lbs or more
  - IRS encourages electronic filing of Form 2290 – visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for further info
  - Taxpayers reporting 25 or more vehicles are required to file electronically
  - Proof of payment must be presented to county official before obtaining registration
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# Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT)

- Exemption for vehicles owned and operated by:
    - ❑ Federal Government
    - ❑ District of Columbia
    - ❑ State or local government
    - ❑ American National Red Cross
    - ❑ Nonprofit volunteer fire dept, ambulance association, or rescue squad
    - ❑ Indian tribal government
    - ❑ Mass transportation authority
    - ❑ Qualified blood collector vehicles
    - ❑ Mobile machinery that meets specification of chassis in Form 2290 instructions ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov))
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# Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (FHVUT)

- Acceptable proof of payment:
    - Receipted Schedule 1
    - Electronically filed Schedule 1 with IRS watermark
    - Unreceipted Schedule 1 with front and back of cancelled check
  - If vehicle is being registered within 60 days of purchase date, no proof of payment required **at time of registration**
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# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

- Available to members of the organization
  - Membership card presented with initial registration
  - Members not required to be active or financial; financial sticker not required on card
  - Membership documentation does not have to be reviewed each year
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# Lost/Stolen Personalized Tags

- Effective August 18, 2008, personalized message orders for license plates reported as lost/stolen will not be accepted
  - Replacement license plate with different message or pre-numbered plate of the same design may be issued
  - Registrant may request previous message for when current registration expires
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# County Memos

- Memos are no longer faxed to county offices; memos will be emailed
- Any email changes should be sent to [tags@revenue.alabama.gov](mailto:tags@revenue.alabama.gov)

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# Questions?

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